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One of the main challenges college students face is having enough money to live a relatively comfortable life while still paying off student loans, paying for textbooks and trying to cut checks for rent and

Well, fellow K-Staters, I hate to inform you that these hurdles might have just gotten a little harder to

Between a recovering economy, government legislation and even mother nature doing its part, the

financial prognosis for the coming year calls for us to keep an even tighter watch on our money.

Here are the top economic issues for students to consider in 2013:

1. Rising prices for higher education

The rising cost of acquiring a college education has been well-documented for several years now, and it seems that the trend will continue.

This time the increase in costs won't focus on rising tuition, but rather the significant increase in interest rates on subsidized government loans.

A subsidized loan, or a loan on which the interest payments are deferred until after the student graduates, is traditionally a need-based form of government aid designed to help students avoid the pressure of education debts while in school.

According to an April 2012 article USA Today article, some federal financial aid, such as the widely-used subsidized Stafford loan, will be subject to annual interest rate increases from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent, or double the previous rate.

This policy is only applicable to loans taken out after July 1, 2012,

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Digital libraries growing trend around country

Jeana Lawrence

In an age when people can store the entire bestseller list in technology that fits in the palm of their hand, the future of ink and paper books appears questionable. This fall, the digital library idea will be tested on a large scale in San Antonio, following previous failed launches across the nation. On a smaller scale, K-State has already dabbled in the world of electronic books at several campus libraries, with the potential to expand in the future.

In 2000, K-State first pioneered its use of digital library technology in the Fiedler Engineering Library, located in the Durland Engineering Complex.

"When the library was being designed in the mid-1990s, they decided to go all-digital with it because that's what the future was bringing," said Alice Trussell, director of the Fiedler Engineering Library.

The Fiedler Engineering Library is dominated by two long rows of computer stations for student use. Each station has two large computer screens and enough area for students to spread out their homework and

Engineering students can access the digital catalogs with a password; the databases are not open to non-engineering students. Within the catalog system, students can find books by class, professor or topic. Once a student accesses a book, he or she can download the book onto another device one chapter at a time.

While the digital concept is different than a traditional library, the lending idea is the

"We don't want to create the impression that they can access the books and keep it," Trussell said. "You're supposed to be lending it."

Books can be accessed through a personal laptop, tablet or smartphone. The library also offers 15 laptops that students can check out.

With a variety of options and services, the digital library can serve students in many ways a traditional library cannot.

"I literally come here every day, even on the weekends," said Kathryn Biver, senior in civil engineering. "I use it mainly to work on homework and access the computers."

Not all resources in the library are digital. The library still contains a few print reference books, journals and magazines on the limited traditional shelf

Having a majority of resources online can lead to drawbacks when technology stops coop-erating, said Asha Muthukrishnan, library assistant at Fiedler

Engineering Library.
"It's a drawback when the K-State server is slow or isn't working," Muthukirshnan said. "If the server doesn't work, they can't access that stuff."

Hale Library, which contains over a million books and resources, has begun to collect digital articles and books to add to its current print collection.

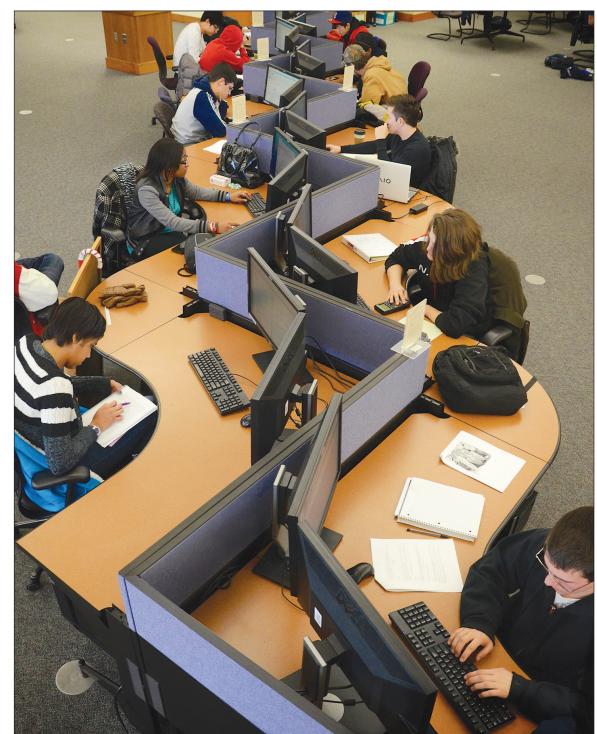
"We have a number of online resources," said Marcia Stockham, assistant dean of content management and scholarly communications at Hale Library. "We have e-books and online journals. We're consistently buying e-books or digital collections that include out-ofprint books."

In addition to these resources, Hale Library recently joined HathiTrust.org, a project created by a number of major research institutions that aims to preserve works representing the cultural record. These works would include both copyrighted works and material that lies in the public domain.

"It's a huge project looking to preserve print material in digital format," Stockham said. "We can have access and search that huge database. Then we have the ability to use a portion of the

A completely digital library in a non-university setting is not far in the future. BiblioTech, a fully-digital library, is set to be unveiled in San Antonio next fall. Patrons can check out

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Parker Robb | Collegian

Engineering students make use of the computers in Fiedler Engineering Library Thursday afternoon. The engineering library is completely digital, and almost no physical books reside within the library's walls.

Habitat for Humanity aims to build affordable, safe housing



Jakki Thompson

There are many student organizations that aim to serve both the Manhattan and K-State communities, including the Manhattan chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The organization aims to utilize community and

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Various members from Habitat for Humanity discuss details about future events and other organizational information at their meeting in the K-State Student Union food court Tuesday night. Over the years the group has worked to build more than 25 houses in Manhatstudent volunteers to build houses for

the less fortunate. "Habitat for Humanity aims to eliminate substandard housing that may be dangerous, unsafe or hazardous to people's health," said Dan Weisenberger, treasurer for Habitat for Humanity and sophomore in architectural engineering. "Not all people have access to affordable housing. There are some people in the community who don't have the resources to get their housing; this organization puts them in a

Weisenberger said Habitat for Humanity doesn't just give away free houses, which is often a misconception about the organization. Habitat for Humanity requires families or people applying for houses to meet a certain economic requirement. The people who will be receiving the house also must agree to a sweat equity, which means the people or families have to put in several hundred hours of work into the houses that are being built.

Since the organization's original founding in 1996, the group has helped complete more than 25 houses within the Manhattan community. The group dissipated in 2007, but re-formed in

"Once you get here and are a part of this organization you become a part of the community," said Katie Mackinnon, vice president of Habitat for Humanity and sophomore in biology. "Being a part of this organization is

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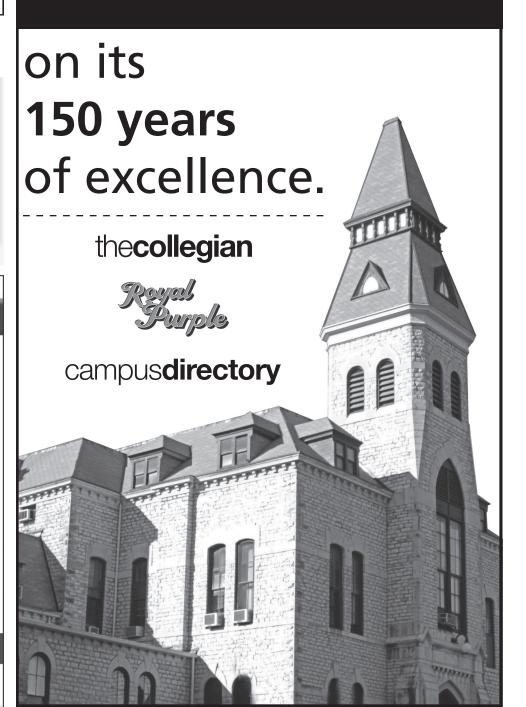
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

K-State to face off against Oklahoma



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Sophomore guard **Haley Texada** looks to pass the ball on Feb. 2 at Bramlage Coliseum during the Sunflower Showdown. Texada and the Wildcats will take on the Oklahoma Sooners tonight in Bramlage for the first time this season. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

Mark Kern

sports editor

On Saturday, the K-State women's basketball team played a double-overtime thriller against in-state rival Kansas in Bramlage Coliseum, falling 89-80. K-State (12-9, 3-6 Big 12 Conference) will be back in action tonight at 7 against No. 20 Oklahoma (16-5, 6-3 Big 12) in Bramlage, and head coach Deb Patterson said that the team better be ready to play against the Sooners.

"They're, in my mind, usually the most aggressive, confident team in terms of flow, and their style and their disposition of anybody you ever play in the league," Patterson said. "We better be ready to match it."

In their loss to the Jayhawks, the Wildcats were led by sophomore guard Haley Texada, who finished the game with a career-high 21 points. With senior guard Brittany Chambers attracting the attention of the opponents' defense, Texada found herself with a favorable matchup. The Wildcats will count on her to score as they host another tough Big 12 team.

The Sooners are led by one of the best shooters in the Big 12, junior Aaryn Ellenberg, the third-leading scorer in the conference at 18.7 points per game. She also leads the Big 12 with 3.4 3-pointers per game, giving Oklahoma a legitimate scoring threat from the outside.

Oklahoma also has an inside-scorer to work with Ellenberg: 6-foot-6-inch junior Nicole Griffin. Griffin is averaging 10.8 points and 4.7 rebounds on the season and will be a tough matchup for the much smaller K-State Wildcats.

With a win over top-25 team Oklahoma State, the Wildcats have shown they have the ability to defeat a ranked team on their home court. As of Jan. 21, the Wildcats were in the next "four out" of ESPN's bracketology for the women's NCAA tournament. A win over the Oklahoma Sooners could go a long way in helping the Wildcats get back into the running for the NCAA tournament.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats hold off Red Raiders

Adam Suderman

Every season it seems to become more difficult to find an easy road game in the Big 12 Conference, as K-State found out Tuesday night at Texas Tech.

Coming off of a hardfought victory against Oklahoma, the Wildcats (18-4, 7-2 Big 12 Conference) found a stronger offensive presence against Texas Tech (9-11, 2-7 Big 12) on their way to a 68-59 win.

K-State withstood several pushes from the Red Raiders, and were led by 18 points from senior Rodney McGruder.

Facing a 1-point deficit just over three minutes into the first quarter, K-State took the lead on a Will Spradling 3-pointer and didn't trail for the rest of the game.

After opening up a 13-9 lead with 12:59 left in the first half, K-State used a 13-4 run to open up a 13-point lead on the Red Raiders thanks to multiple Angel Rodriguez 3-pointers.

Just as the Wildcats were settling in, Texas Tech answered with a 15-5 run, closing the K-State lead to 31-28.

The Wildcats built a 37-29 lead at the break with firm positioning in the paint, winning the first half rebounding battle 19-10.

In the first half, sophomore forward Thomas Gipson continued his production off the bench, tallying 8 points and finishing with 12 for the game.

The Red Raiders, a team that came in averaging nearly 16 turnovers a game, forced five first half turnovers on the Wildcats while only having one of their own.



Senior forward **Jordan Henriquez** blocks an attempted shot from Texas Tech forward **Dejan Kravic** during the 68-59 win on Tuesday at the United Spirited Arena in Lubbock.

Leading into the under-16 timeout, Texas Tech brought the game back to a 4-point deficit, but it's the closest the Red Raiders would come in the second

K-State used a scoring drought by Texas Tech to stretch the lead to 10, thanks to Martavious Irving's second 3-pointer of the game.

Despite letting the lead close to six with 6:32 to go, the Wildcats weren't phased

by the push of the Red Raiders and pushed it back to 11

Although not developing a larger lead, K-State held its poise on the offensive end and didn't make mistakes in the game's final minutes.

The Wildcats had a distinct athletic advantage in the paint, and out-rebounded the Red Raiders 38-20 for the game. This included 15 offensive rebounds and 11

second-chance points.

McGruder was aided by

sophomore guard Angel Rodriguez with 13 points and senior Martavious Irving with 10 points.

Sitting one game behind Kansas heading into the weekend, the Wildcats will face a very important twogame stretch against both Iowa State and Kansas.

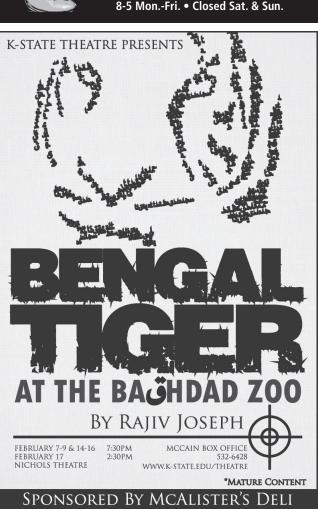
K-State will have a big opportunity to avenge one of its two conference losses this Saturday against the Cyclones at Bramlage Coliseum with a 5 p.m. tipoff.



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Research shows 'celebrity crushes' can be helpful

Zach Foley

With every decade comes a new celebrity crush for female fans to obsess over. The '70s had David Cassidy, the '90s had the Backstreet Boys and today we have Justin Bieber.

The trend of young girls with crushes on older celebrities is the subject of research recently conducted by Karen Myers-Bowman, assistant professor in family studies and human services, who concluded that celebrity crushes are a rite of passage and a way to explore identity.

Myers-Bowman mostly on the effects of the "Bieber Fever" phenomena, which is defined by Urban Dictionary as "obsessively talking, texting, chatting or communication of any kind about Justin Bieber."

'With smartphones, girls can instantly see pictures and videos of their crush whenever and wherever they are," Myers-Bowman said. "It's almost like carrying Justin Bieber in your pocket. There is a constant immersion for girls now that wasn't presin

generation." popular-The of celebrity crushes came to prominence in the 50s and 60s when popular music, movies and television were aimed at teenagers. According to Myers-Bowman, the influence these celebrities have has only increased because of the Internet and mobile technology. Back before

celebrities without the aid of technology. "90s

ſту here, crush first was obviously every single Backstreet Boy on a rotating basis," Flanders said. Crushes like Flanders' help youth explore how they connect

with their friends,

Myers-Bowman said. "If you and your best friend swoon over a celebrity together, then it's helping you figure out where you fit with your friends and with your peers," My-ers-Bowman said. "But, for example, if all your friends like Ryan Gosling and you like Sean Connery, you get to feel what it's like to be different from everyone else."

about his first crush, Ryan Less, freshman in philosophy, had trouble coming up with an answer. He did, however, agree with Flanders that his crush had little impact on his development.

"I've never really thought about it that way," Less said. "I don't think [it had an effect]."

Myers-Bowman said besides contributing to the development of girls' identity, celebrity crushes provide young women a safe outlet to think about sexuality free of judgment.

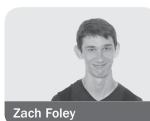
'The crush doesn't have to return your feelings, you just imagine that he could," Myers-Bowman said.

Parents can also take comfort in their child's crush on a celebrity who does not represent a real romantic prospect.

"It's a lot safer if your young teen daughter likes Josh Groban rather than the boy next door, because she and Josh are not going to run off together, have sex and get pregnant; that will never happen," Myers-Bowman said. "A relationship with Josh is just a fantasy, and that fantasy is important for her identity development and feeling good about



Beyoncé, Destiny's Child Super Bowl halftime show highlight of night



Let me just start by saying that I'm a huge Beyoncé fan. I would have been happy with whatever she did at the Super Bowl. Having said that, Beyoncé blew all of my expectations out of the water with what could only be described as her

The Pepsi commercial that aired directly before the halftime show was the perfect preface. Featuring the instrumental to "Countdown" along with an actual countdown to Beyoncé taking the stage, it set the mood and built the excitement for the main attraction. Then the lights flashed, fans ran and fire flew through the stadium. It lit the edge of the stage before Beyoncé rose from beneath the stage in a cloud of smoke. What. An.

The show opened with "Love on Top," which seemed like an odd choice to me. It's not even one of her biggest hits, but she sounded amazing and it was very obviously live. She posed in time with the beat and strutted to the front of the stage like the diva she is, silhouetted dramatically the whole time.

Once she finished the intro, Beyoncé graced the world with her beautiful face, finally entering into the light to perform "Crazy in Love." It was a fine choice of song, but it seemed odd that Jay-Z wasn't there to perform with his wife; instead his vocals just came out of the speakers.

Despite Jay's absence,

Beyoncé powered through and lay on the ground while many digital Beyoncés were projected onto the stage. The impact of just one Beyoncé is hard to handle, but seven might have been a bit of overkill.

When the actual dancers showed up, Beyoncé was too busy shaking what her mama gave her to do much singing. She threw a phrase into her microphone here and there. but relied heavily on a backing track. The dancing was spot-on, but it would have been nice to hear her sing her own song.

Next was the strangely chosen "End of Time," which is by no means a bad song, but it was never a single. If anything, it looks like the song was added to the setlist to give Beyoncé even more time to dance, because that's what she did for most of the song. She did throw in a little singing for good measure.

After that was another strange choice: "Baby Boy" featuring rapper Sean Paul, although he only participated via a prerecorded track. Bey was once again joined by herself, this time on a giant screen that popped up from the stage. She sang and danced at the same time, which was an improvement on the last two songs.

Then came what I believe to be the highlight of the show: the Destiny's Child reunion. The intro to "Bootylicious" was the perfect way to bring Kelly and Michelle on stage. When they popped out from under the stage, my heart skipped a beat. I was not ready for the jelly I was about to see.

It was the climax of the show, hands down. Once on stage, Kelly and Beyoncé seemed to command the show together. Michelle sounded on point with her harmonies. but she didn't look quite as fierce as the other two and her dance moves looked forced.



courtesy photo

After they had served the crowd their "jelly," they showed their independence by singing "Independent Women" Part I." It seemed like an odd choice, considering other DC hits like "Say My Name" and "Survivor," but it was not bad. I'm just glad that Destiny's Child actually took the stage instead of making an appearance through the speakers like

Beyoncé's other guests. I thought that Kelly and Michelle would leave the stage to let Beyoncé finish the show solo. My jaw was on the ground when they were asked to stay on and sing "Single

Ladies," which is arguably Beyoncé's signature song.

Letting Kelly and Michelle take the lead on a verse really showed that Beyoncé was willing to share her moment with her former bandmates. I couldn't help but notice how low the other girls' microphones were compared to Beyoncé's, but it was her show after all. Once Kelly and Michelle left the stage, "Single Ladies" was finished off with a plethora of dancing and very little singing.

For the finale, Beyoncé finally found her singing voice. It was worth the wait. Closing the show with "Halo" was an inspired choice, mostly because the backing track to the ballad was beefed up to have more of

The vocals were incredible. It was almost as if the rest of the show was lacking singing so she could save up her voice to blow the crowd away at the end. She powered through the final notes of the song before collapsing on stage, probably exhausted from all of the dancing she did thoughout the

There is no questioning that Beyoncé can perform. She can sing, she can dance and she can command the stage, as well as the audience's attention. It doesn't seem that she can do all of those things at once, but three out of four at a time is nothing to scoff at.

Despite questionable song choices (completely ignoring the existence of her second album "B'Day" is not OK with me), phoned-in guest appearances and an overemphasis on dancing, it was still a halftime to remember. One thing is certain: Beyoncé is the true winner of Super Bowl XLVII.

Zach Foley a freshman in education. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

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publications on e-reader devices or library-owned e-readers for a period of time. According to the Huffington Post, the library will be designed like an Apple store, with rows of library shelves replaced by rows of computer screens.

While other libraries, such as the one in San Antonio, have made the conversion to full digital contents, Hale Library staff have no plans yet for making that giant leap.

The trend in libraries is to move in that direction," Stockham said. "But [Hale] probably won't be there for a while."

While the trend is to go dig-

"I don't prefer to read on the screen," Biver said. "Plus, you can get distracted with other

"I think all libraries will be moving toward this, but I personally believe that print will always have a place in this world, at least for the next few decades."

ital, Biver said she would miss the hard-copy books should they disappear from Hale Li-

Alice Trussell director of Fiedler Engineering Library

> things on the computer." Jacob Handy, senior in social sciences, acknowledges benefits to electronic publications

but still remains loyal to print

and paper books. ʻIf I had an e-reader, I'd probably use it mainly for reading," Handy said. "I'd subscribe to a few magazines. But I like some aspects of physical books. I like to write notes in them.

For now, it seems that bookshelves are here to stay and fully-digital libraries are still a thing of the future.

"I think all libraries will be moving toward this," Trussell said. "But I personally believe that print will always have a place in this world, at least for the next few decades."

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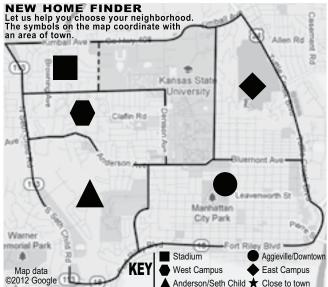
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more than someone could ever learn in a class."

A lesser-known component of Habitat for Humanity is the Habitat Re-Store, located at 2711 Amherst Ave. The Habitat Re-Store sells home appliances, furniture and building materials at a discounted price.

This store is open to the public, and all the available materials and items within the store were donated by

community members. All the proceeds go back to Habitat for Humanity in Manhattan, helping to pay for the costs of running the group and construction costs.

"The Habitat Re-Store is like if Home Depot and the Salvation Army had a baby. That baby would be this store," Weisenberger said. "I was pulled into the organization through volunteering at this store. My love of cheap things brought me into the store originally, then I began

volunteering there. There was a group of college volunteers working at the Habitat Re-Store who wanted to recharter the Habitat for Humanity group at K-State. So, we did."

Taylor Middleton, president of Habitat for Humanity and sophomore in marketing, said she wanted to get involved with the Habitat for Humanity organization at K-State because she helped to build homes during her child-

Middleton said when she

was in elementary school, around the time Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast, she and her family volunteered to build walls and other small pieces of new homes. Those pieces were then transported elsewhere for the actual construction of the house.

"The awareness was so beneficial for me," Middleton said. "People who are willing to make a change will fit in perfect with this organization. Some of the benefits of this organization include

leadership, getting involved in the community, heightened awareness of the sociological issues surrounding housing and creating solutions for those housing issues."
Weisenberger said one of

the most beneficial things about this organization has been the real and visible difference people are able to

"There is nothing more concrete than a house," he

He also mentioned how

when people leave Habitat for Humanity they are left with the reward of impacting their community.

There are so many organizations wanting to make a difference in the community here," Mackinnon said. "Students who want to put their energy into something beneficial for the community as a whole, well, this would be the perfect place for you. Habitat for Humanity is a good thing for all members who get in-

Business beat: BP may not pay \$34 million in claims from Gulf oil spill

Darrington Clark managing editor

S&P faces lawsuit from U.S. **Justice Department**

The United States Justice Department is suing the S&P bond-rating agency for false and inaccurate reports on mortgage investments. The Justice Department announced Tuesday that the lawsuit would be for \$5 billion in civil penal-

S&P is being accused of lying about mortgage ratings to bolster investor support from 2004 to 2007, resulting in great personal risk to buyers and \$5 billion in lost debt obligations. During that period, almost every mortgage investment S&P rated failed, according to an article published Tuesday

S&P released a statement calling the lawsuit "meritless" and denies fraudulent mortgage ratings.

The lawsuit is ongoing and the Justice Department declined to comment on whether or not more rating agencies will be receiving lawsuits.

BP to possibly challenge oil

BP is considering not paying over \$34 billion in lawsuit claims surrounding the 2010 oil spill. Gulf states such as Flor-

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ida, Alabama and Mississippi have all submitted claims for damages and losses, according to a Tuesday L.A. Times article.

The latest financial information released Tuesday by BP contained the numbers and a statement claiming BP "considers the methodologies used to calculate these claims to be seriously flawed, not supported by the legislation and to substantially overstate the claims."

The 2010 oil spill resulted in the deaths of 11 people and an emergency shutdown of several coastal fisheries and factories. BP stated that they are willing to settle the claims, but only on more "reasonable"

2012 gas prices set records

The Energy Department's newest statement reports that Americans spend 4 percent of their yearly income on gasoline, the highest amount in four years. The last outstanding spike in gas was in 2008, and before that prices had not been that high in 30 years.

Last year, the national average price for gas was \$3.60, breaking the 2011 record. Americans put approximately \$2,912 of gas in their car last year, and the number is expected to rise, even though American citizens are buying less gasoline yearly than in the past couple years.

Tense relations with Middle Eastern countries, natural disasters and strikes have been cited as the cause for current gas spikes.

A CNN article published Monday cited the Energy Department's statement, reporting a record \$479 billion spent on gasoline in 2012.

Credit card scheme busted

A 9-year-long credit card fraud scam was cracked by the U.S. Justice Department. Å USA Today article published Tuesday announced that 18 people were charged with at least \$200 million in fraudulent charges.

The scam started in 2003 when credit profiles were created under false identities. The alleged scammers made minor charges and paid them on time to build enough credit to make larger charges.

The scam developed into over 7,000 false accounts with 25,000 credit cards, all making purchases that were never paid back. The accounts used fake names, credit scores and IDs. The numbers make this one of the largest credit card scam busts ever made by the Justice Department.

FBI Special Agent James Simpson said that the estimate of \$200 million in losses is expected to grow as calculations continue.

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so many upperclassmen would be exempt from the increase. According to the Department of Education, however, 7 million undergraduate students across the nation will be affected by the legislation.

For those students who fall into this category, it may be worth your while to figure out a detailed repayment plan to avoid unpleasant surprises after graduation.

For those who plan on staying in school for as long as possible, your victory lap(s) may have just gotten a lot more expensive.

2. Increase in payroll taxes Although technically Congress is not increasing taxes, they are letting a Bush-era tax cut expire, and the result will still be the same; a two-percentage-point increase in payroll

Students, who are often paid

minimum wage, and other low income individuals will feel the pinch, said economist Joel Naroff in a Jan. 22 USA Today

Naroff said this additional tax burden will take away disposable income for those in the lowest tax bracket, leading to possible changes in spending habits that will account for the increase in tax expenses. According to economists at JPMorgan, estimates show a national spending reduction of \$125 billion.

Regardless of what your position is on tax policy, the fact of the matter is that students who rely on low-income jobs will have to tighten their belts and budget due to a smaller paycheck from now on.

3. Rising food prices Not surprisingly, the Mid-

west drought in the summer of 2012 is still taking a toll.

According to a October 2012 NBC news article, prices for

common food items such as soybeans and wheat shot up as high as 40 to 50 percent during the summer of 2012, and the trend is expected to continue.

In 2013, experts predict that prices for food products will rise by 3.5-4 percent. Though this may not seem like much, it adds up every time you go to the grocery store.

Businesses who will feel the pinch of rising costs will also likely raise their prices to cover their expenses.

Students can create a more stringent food budget for themselves in the coming months. Those that eat out constantly, consider making a few more meals at home. Those that cook regularly, prioritize at the grocery store — maybe you don't absolutely need that \$40 ribeye steak today.

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